

GRIMALDI: THE VESSEL *GRANDE SVEZIA* CHRISTENED IN WALLHAMN

One of the brand-new ammonia-ready car carriers, part of the Group's increasingly green fleet dedicated to vehicle transport, was presented to Swedish customers and partners

Naples, 26 May 2026: The christening ceremony of the vessel *Grande Svezia* took place yesterday at the port of Wallhamn, Sweden. Delivered in December 2025, the ship joined the Grimaldi Group's **ammonia-ready PCTC (Pure Car & Truck Carrier)** fleet, including next-generation vessels designed for the future use of ammonia as a zero-carbon alternative fuel.

With her name, the *Grande Svezia* pays tribute to a country that has been regularly served by Grimaldi vessels for more than thirty years. Furthermore, the port of Wallhamn, chosen for the christening ceremony, is Sweden's only private port and is managed by the Italian shipping group. The port is part of the Grimaldi Group's historic EuroMed service, on which the *Grande Svezia* operates, regularly connecting the main ports of the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, with calls in Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Cyprus, Morocco, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

The event was attended by several representatives of the Grimaldi Group's long-standing Swedish customers and partners, including major vehicle manufacturers such as Volvo Cars and Volvo Trucks, who had the opportunity to visit the vessel's main areas accompanied by the Master and crew. The christening ceremony opened with welcome speeches by **Sven-Göran Sjöström**, Managing Director of Grimaldi Maritime Agencies Sweden, and **Costantino Baldissara**, Automotive Atlantic Director of the Grimaldi Group.

Following the blessing of the vessel, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the traditional bottle breaking was performed by the *Grande Svezia*'s godmother, **Francesca Gamboni**, Chief Industrial Operations Officer of Volvo Cars.

Built by China Merchants Heavy Industries Jiangsu shipyard, the *Grande Svezia* is 220 metres long and 38 metres wide, with a gross tonnage of 91,611 and a service speed of 18 knots. Across her 14 decks, she can transport both electric and conventionally powered vehicles, with a maximum capacity of 9,000 CEU (Car Equivalent Units).

In addition to her high transport capacity, the *Grande Svezia* features numerous green technologies. She is one of the ammonia-ready PCTCs in the Grimaldi Group fleet, which currently includes 11 vessels and will be further expanded with the delivery of six additional units by 2027.

To achieve zero emissions while in port, the vessel is equipped with mega lithium batteries with a total capacity of 5 MWh, as well as cold ironing capability, allowing her to draw electricity directly from shore where facilities are available.

Additional sustainability features include 2,500 square metres of solar panels, silicon-based hull coatings to reduce resistance, smart systems for optimizing ventilation and air conditioning, and advanced exhaust gas cleaning systems that significantly reduce SOx, NOx and particulate emissions. An Air Lubrication system, an optimized hull design and an innovative gate rudder further enhance propulsion efficiency and manoeuvrability. Compared with previous generations of car carriers, this vessel enables fuel consumption reductions of up to 50%.

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The Grimaldi Group, headquartered in Naples, operates a fleet of over 130 vessels and employs approximately 21,000 people. Wholly owned by the Grimaldi family, it is a multinational logistics Group specialized in the operation of roll-on/roll-off vessels, car carriers and ferries. It comprises seven shipping companies, namely: Grimaldi Deep Sea, operating in the transport of rolling cargo and containers on the Atlantic routes and between the Mediterranean and West Africa; Grimaldi Euromed, specialists in the transport of rolling freight in Europe, in the Motorways of the Sea and in passenger transport in the Mediterranean with the Grimaldi Lines brand; Atlantic Container Line, which offers transport services for containers and rolling cargo between North America and Northern Europe; Malta Motorways of the Sea, whose vessels connect Malta to the main ports in the Mediterranean; Minoan Lines, operating in Greek cabotage for the transport of freight and passengers; Finnlines, carrying freight and passengers in the North and Baltic Sea; and Tramed GLE, active in the transport of freight and passengers between mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands.

These maritime connections are the core of an advanced logistics chain, which includes port terminals and road transport companies. The 20-plus ports and terminals owned/operated by the Grimaldi Group are located in 13 countries: Italy, Spain, Greece, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Ireland, Belgium, Egypt, Cameroon, Nigeria and Benin. Most of these terminals are fitted with Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) facilities, warehouses and workshops.